Public Hearing to Collect Information to Assist in the Development of the List of Goods from Countries Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Questions for His Excellency Dr. Kwame Bawuah-Edusei Ambassador of Ghana

- 1. In your testimony, you mentioned that the Government of Ghana has undertaken a comprehensive study of the worst forms of child labor in Ghana, and that the latest results of the study would be released to the public in the week following the hearing.
 - Could you please provide the website address at which the results of the most recent phase of the study is or will be published?
 - Will the adult activity framework and the hazardous activity framework produced in response to the study also be available via the website? If not, may we receive a copy of these?
 - What baseline estimates will you use to measure the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in cocoa farming in Ghana?
 - Will the raw data analyzed for the study be available to the public?
- 2. Your testimony states that the Ministry of Manpower, Youth and Employment is implementing a 5-year National Program for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor in the Cocoa Sector. The strategy includes plans to "develop and implement interventions that will eliminate the worst forms of child labor in cocoa." What will be the target number of working children assisted by the Government of Ghana?
- 3. How many children working in the cocoa sector in Ghana combine school and work?
- 4. How much funding has the Government of Ghana dedicated to withdrawing and preventing children from the exploitive child labor in the cocoa sector?
- 5. Will you please elaborate for us how the certification process described in your testimony will certify that cocoa, as a good, is child labor-free?